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Staff asks town to resolve issues regarding Hwy. 48

*Provincial ministry
stalling: officials*

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Municipal staff have had enough with the Ministry of Transportation's stalling tactics and have requested Whitchurch-Stouffville council step in to help resolve some outstanding issues associated with portions of Hwy. 48.

"We're bumping up against provincial policies that are affecting the way we do business in Whitchurch-Stouffville," said Andrew McNeely, director of planning and building services for the municipality.

There are four key issues the town's staff are having problems with, one of which is the speed along Hwy. 48 within Ballantrae and Stouffville.

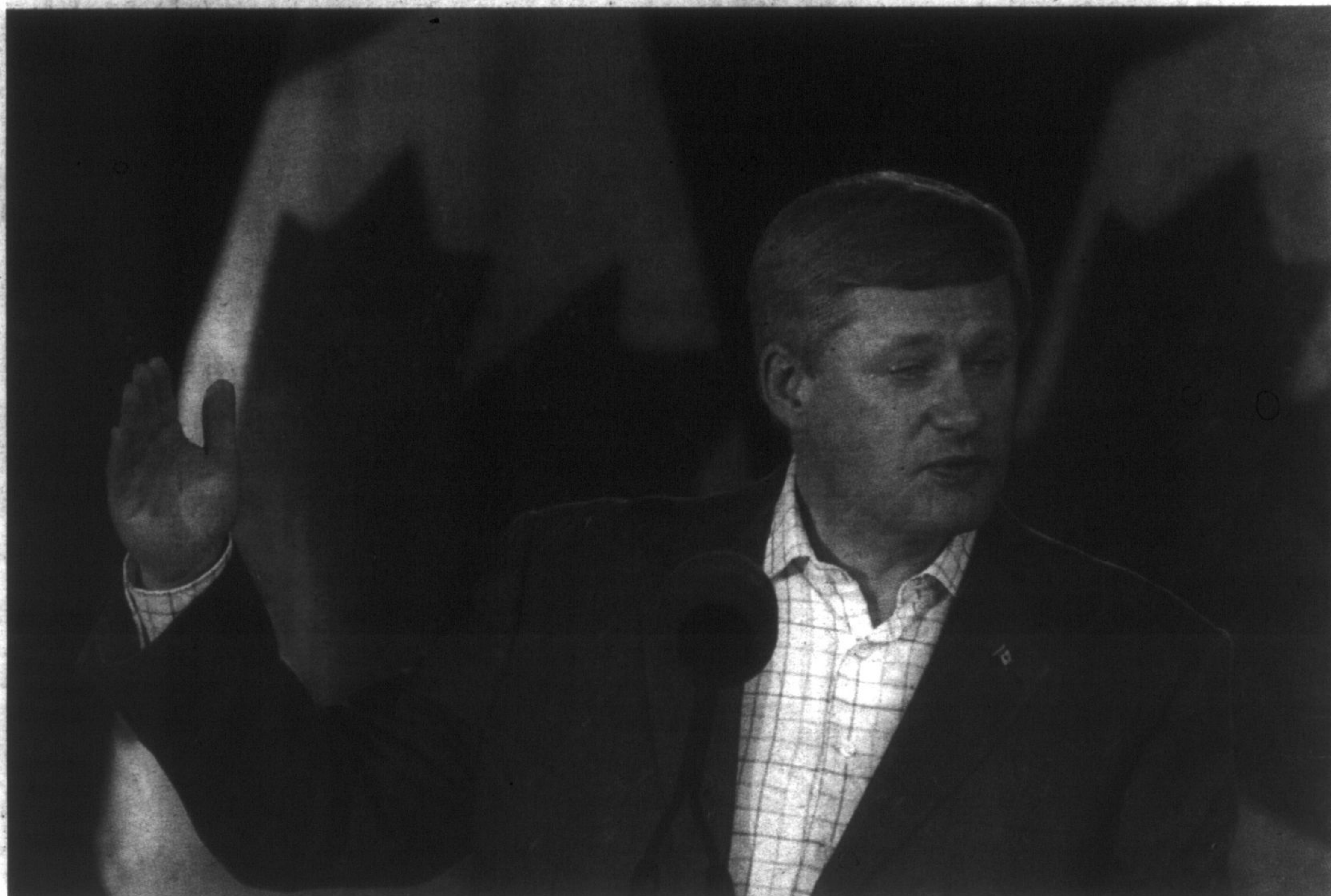
Municipal staff want the speed limit along Hwy. 48 from 150 metres north of Ballantrae Road/Ballantrae Common through to the 60 km/h zone south of Greenan Road to all be 60 km/h.

The requested speed decrease is being made because of the traffic signals installed at Hwy. 48 and Ballantrae Road about a year ago and because of Ballantrae's ever-increasing population.

"The reduction in the posted speed limit to 60 km/h in the northern portion of Ballantrae is necessary and overdue because of the population of the community.

"It has been a very frustrating process trying to move ahead with our initiatives in the Ballantrae area," said Councillor Phil

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STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper speaks to supporters at St. Panteleimon Greek Orthodox Church Thursday during a stop to honour volunteers and introduce the party's newest candidates for the next federal election.

Canadians don't want election: PM

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More than a thousand GTA residents packed a Markham church ground to see the Prime Minister Thursday.

They heard Stephen Harper say Canadians don't want an election, but if one is forced upon his minority government, the Conservatives will be ready.

Mr. Harper spoke at the 2009 Summerfest

Barbecue; hosted by Oak Ridges-Markham MP Paul Calandra at the St. Panteleimon Greek Orthodox Church on Warden Avenue.

The event drew Conservative supporters from all over the GTA.

Jainstein Dookie brought his two teenage sons from Mississauga.

He said Mr. Harper's speech was very sensitive and touched on things that were

important.

The Conservatives' plan, Mr. Dookie said, is what is needed to get us out of the recession.

Victoria Sienczewski, a 16-year-old King resident and aspiring journalist, said she attended to get some information about the event and to possibly write an article.

"It was definitely motivational," she said.

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